

PAST BEST OF AMBER WAVES WINNERS

2003

Best Indicator

Certified Organic Acreage and Operations, 2001
Catherine Greene

Best Data Feature

Trends in U.S. Per Capita Consumption of Dairy Products, 1909 to 2001
Judith Putnam and Jane Allshouse

Best Findings

Markets and Trade:

Is Japan Ready for Competition in Its Ag Markets?
John Dyck

Diet and Health:

Information Sways Consumer Attitudes Toward Biotech Foods
Abebayehu Tegene

Resources and Environment:

"Dead Zone" in the Gulf: Addressing Agriculture's Contribution
Marc Ribaud

Rural America:

The Roots of Rural Population Loss
David McGranahan and Calvin Beale

Best Features

HONORABLE MENTION:

Consumer-Driven Agriculture: Changing U.S. Demographics Influence Eating Habits
Nicole Ballenger and Jim Blaylock

BEST FEATURE:

U.S. Tobacco Industry Responding to New Competitors, New Challenges
Tom Capehart

2004

Best Indicator

Estimating U.S. Cropland Area
Marlow Vesterby and Ken Krupa

Best Data Feature

The Changing World Network of Trade in Textiles and Apparel
Thomas Vollrath, Sarah Gehlhar, and Steve MacDonald

Best Findings

Markets and Trade:

Contract Use Continues to Expand

James MacDonald and Janet Perry

Diet and Health:

Taxing Snacks to Reduce Obesity

Fred Kuchler

Resources and Environment:

Economic Risks of Soybean Rust in the U.S. Vary By Region

Stan Daberkow

Rural America:

Poverty Is More Pervasive in Nonmetro Counties

Dean Jolliffe

Best Features

HONORABLE MENTION:

Farmland Retirement's Impact on Rural Growth

Patrick Sullivan, David Hellerstein, David McGranahan, and Sarah Vogel

BEST FEATURE:

Fifty Years of U.S. Food Aid and Its Role in Reducing World Hunger

Shahla Shapouri and Stacy Rosen

2005

Best Indicator:

On the Map: Average Farm Size Grows Most Rapidly in Mountain States

Carolyn Dimitri and Anne Effland

Best Data Feature:

Growing Farm Size and the Distribution of Farm Payments

Jim MacDonald, Bob Hoppe, and David Banker

Best Findings

Markets and Trade:

Mandatory Livestock Reporting: More Transparent?

Janet Perry and Jim MacDonald

Diet and Health:

Going With the Grain: Consumers Responding to New Dietary Guidelines

Lisa Mancino

Resources and Environment:

A Multitude of Design Decisions Influence Conservation Program Performance

Marca Weinberg and Roger Claassen

Farms, Firms, and Households:

Stable Farm Counts Mask Turnover

Bob Hoppe and Penni Korb

Rural America:

Rural America As a Retirement Destination

Calvin Beale

Best Features**HONORABLE MENTION:**

U.S. Canadian Hog Trade: Market Integration At Work

Millie Haley

BEST FEATURE:

The Price is Right: Economics and the Rise in Obesity

Jay Variyam

2006**Best Indicator:**

In the Long Run: Share of Income Spent on Food Continues to Decline

Annette Clauson

Best Data Feature:

Revised Market Basket Statistics Reflect Consumers' Changing Produce Purchases

Hayden Stewart

Best Findings:**Markets and Trade:**

Asia Leads the World in Reducing Hunger

Stacey Rosen

Diet and Health:

Chicken Consumption Continues Longrun Rise

Jean Buzby and Hodan Farah Wells

Resources and Environment:

Adoption of Genetically Engineered Crops Continues to Increase

Jorge Fernandez-Cornejo

Rural America:

Reclassification of Nonmetro Areas Exaggerates Employment Gap

Lorin Kusmin

Feature Articles**HONORABLE MENTION:**

Global Agriculture and the Doha Round: Market Access is the Key

Anne Effland, Mary Anne Normile, John Wainio.

BEST FEATURE:

Brazil's Booming Agriculture Faces Obstacles

Constanza Valdes

2007**Best Indicator:**

On the Map: Many Counties Have Both Outmigration and Natural Decline

Calvin L. Beale

Best Data Feature

ERS Food Availability Data Look at Consumption in Three Ways
Hodan Farah Wells and Jean C. Buzby

Findings

Markets and Trade:

Global Production Shortfalls Bring Record Wheat Prices
Gary Vocke

Diet and Health:

Time is Money...and Dinner!
Lisa Mancino and Constance Newman

Resources and Environment:

Conservation Reserve Program Boosts Outdoor Recreation in Rural Communities
Daniel Hellerstein

Farms, Firms and Households:

Lowering the Income Cap for Farm Payments Would Affect Few Farmers
Ron Durst

Rural America:

Arts Employment is Burgeoning in Some Rural Areas
Tim Wojan

Feature Articles

HONORABLE MENTION:

Integrating Conservation and Commodity Program Payments: A Look at the Tradeoffs
Roger Claassen and Marcel Aillery

HONORABLE MENTION:

Improving Food Choices—Can Food Stamps Do More?
Joanne F. Guthrie, Elizabeth Frazão, Margaret Andrews, and David Smallwood

BEST OF AMBER WAVES:

U.S. Ethanol Expansion Driving Changes Throughout the Agricultural Sector
Paul C. Westcott

2008

Best Indicator Item:

On the Map: Share of Nonelderly With No Health Insurance Varies Considerably Among States
Timothy Parker

Best Data Feature:

Phytosanitary Regulations Shape Fruit and Vegetable Trade Patterns
Megan Romberg and Donna Roberts

Best Podcast:

What's Behind the Surge in Global Rice Prices?
Nathan Childs

Best Findings

Markets and Trade:

What's Behind the Surge in Global Rice Prices?

Nathan Childs and James Kiawu

Diet and Health:

Food Stamp Benefits Provide Fiscal Stimulus

Kenneth Hanson

Resources and Environment:

Fee Hunting May Boost Farm Income, Wildlife Habitat

Daniel Hellerstein

Farm, Firms and Households:

A Look at the Economic Well-Being of Farm Households

Hisham El-Osta

Feature articles:

HONORABLE MENTION:

Who Will China Feed?

Bryan Lohmar and Fred Gale

BEST FEATURE:

Hired Farmworkers are a Major Input for Some U.S. Farm Sectors

William Kandel

2009

Best Indicator Item:

On the Map: South and Midwest Hit Hardest by Rising Food Insecurity

Margaret Andrews and Mark Nord

Best Data Feature:

Trade Data Show Value, Variety, and Sources of U.S. Food Imports

Nora Brooks, Anita Regmi, Jean Buzby

Best Podcast:

Some Households Leaving SNAP Still Face Food Shortfalls

Mark Nord

Best Findings:

Markets and Trade:

What's Next for NAFTA?

Steven Zahniser, Karl Mielke, and James Rude

Diet and Health:

WIC Not Linked to Overweight in Children

Michele Ver Ploeg

Resources and Environment:

Land Use Can Play Critical Role in Controlling Global Warming

Ronald Sands

Farm, Firms and Households:

Broiler Producers Search for Alternatives to Antibiotics
James McDonald and Sun Ling Wang

Feature articles:

HONORABLE MENTION:

When Nudging in the Lunch Line Might Be a Good Thing
Lisa Mancino and Joanne Guthrie

HONORABLE MENTION:

Removal of Government Controls Opens Peanut and Tobacco Sectors to Market Forces
Erik Dohlman, Linda Foreman, and Michelle Da Pra

BEST FEATURE:

Full Throttle U.S. Ethanol Expansion Faces Challenges Down the Road
Paul Westcott

PAST HELIOS AWARD WINNERS

2003/2004

Research and Policy Contribution

Honorable Mention

Animal Waste Management Team

Marcel Aillery, Jean Agapoff, Vince Breneman, Lee Christensen, Noel Gollehon, Rob Johansson, Jonathan Kaplan, Mark Peters, Marc Ribaudo

First Place

Conservation Reserve Program Study Team

Daniel Hellerstein, Ruben Lubowski, David McGranahan, Patrick Sullivan, Stephen Vogel

Program Effectiveness

Honorable Mention

Amber Waves - Cutting Edge Design

Susan DeGeorge, Anne Pearl, Victor B. Phillips, Jr., Wynnice Pointer-Napper, Cynthia Ray, Curtia Taylor

First Place

Leadership of Expanded ARMS

Philip Friend, Mary Maher, Mitch Morehart

Communication Excellence

Honorable Mention

Rural America at a Glance Pamphlet Series

Robert Gibbs, Karen Hamrick, Dean Joliffe, Victor B. Phillips, Jr.

First Place

Understanding Fruit and Vegetable Choices Information Kit

Shashunga Clayton, Mark Denbaly, Joanne Guthrie, Kathleen Kassel, Phillip R. Kaufman, Biing-Hwan Lin, Tom McDonald, Cynthia Ray, Jane Reed, Dale Simms, Hayden Stewart

2005/2006

Research and Policy Contribution

First Place

Poverty, Prices, and Place: The Cost of Living and the Geographic Distribution of Poverty
Dean Joliffe

Program Effectiveness

Honorable Mention

Peer Review Coordinating Council

Mary Bohman, Michael LeBlanc, Thomas McDonald, Keith Wiebe (FAO)

First Place

The New InsidERS

Peter Bersani, Nicholas Johnson, Lou King, Gwendolyn Matlock, Brenda Powell, Matt Poyner, Janneth Suarez

Communication Excellence

Honorable Mention

Agricultural Resources and Environmental Indicators, 2006 Edition

Linda Beeler, Noel Gollehon, Wynnice Napper, Matt Poyner, Dale Simms, Patricia Vines, Keith Wiebe (FAO), Letricia Womack

First Place

Food Availability Data System

Jean Buzby, John Hession, Kathleen Kassel, Karen Mizer, Hodan Farah Wells

2007/2008

Research

Honorable Mention

Food Assistance and Obesity Project

Joanne Guthrie, Biing-Hwan Lin, Lisa Mancino, Michele Ver Ploeg, Katherine Ralston

First Place

New Thinking on Rural Development

Dayton Lambert (University of Tennessee), David McGranahan, Tim Wojan

Staff Analysis

First Place

Analysis of the Effects of an Expansion in Biofuel Demand on US Agriculture

Harry Baumes (Office of the Chief Economist), Don Blayney, James Hrubovcak (Office of the Chief Economist), Scott Malcolm, Mike Price, Paul Westcott

Program Effectiveness

Honorable Mention

Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP)

Elizabeth Frazão, Joanne Guthrie, John Kirlin, Alex Majchrowicz, Victor Oliveira, David Smallwood

First Place

Improved Researcher Access to ARMS Microdata through the NORC Data Enclave

Linda Atkinson, Mitch Morehart

Communication Excellence

First Place

Food Security in the United States

Linda Hatcher, John Hession, Mark Nord, Brenda Powell, Wanda Reed-Rose, Carolyn Rogers

First Place

Farm Bill Side-By-Side

Anne Effland, Lewrene Glaser, Lou King, Stephen Peterson, Matt Poyner, Mary Reardon, Ed Young